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Mr. Robert V. Murray, Chief
Metropolitan Police Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chief Murray: *(Evacuation Plan)*

I wish to thank you and inspectors Covell, Bryant and Walldroht who met with Messrs. of this office yesterday to discuss the emergency plans which our Agency is implementing to replace the old Disaster Plan of 1948. 25X1A9a

As was related in the meeting, CIA is now in a position to discharge its responsibilities of protecting its classified property and its personnel. To this end the Agency has prepared an Evacuation Plan and is forming an Emergency Security Patrol, both of which are under my personal direction. The purpose of the Evacuation Plan and the Patrol is to afford CIA classified material and CIA personnel the protection for which we are responsible and to coordinate with and assist the police in that regard, rather than to place the entire burden on them, as was provided for under the old Disaster Plan.

A copy of the Evacuation Plan and of the directive forming the Emergency Security Patrol are enclosed for your information as is also a list of CIA buildings located within the District of Columbia. In view of the classified nature of the work of this Agency, it is requested that the enclosures be treated as confidential and that distribution of the information contained therein be held to the fewest possible officials of your department who will have need of it.

Suitable photograph identification cards, Security Agent badges, brassards and windshield cards are now being designed. Facsimiles or samples will be submitted to you for record and identification purposes as soon as they are available.

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In order to protect CIA classified material in an emergency which may require its removal, members of the Emergency Security Patrol will be duly qualified on the pistol range and will be armed in accordance with Public Law 110, Section 6D, 81st Congress. The above-mentioned photographic identification card will authorize each Security Agent to be so armed. In this regard I am pleased Inspector Covell has stated the Metropolitan Police Department will recognize this authorization when duly certified by officials of this Agency.

Action is being taken to coordinate our plans with the D. C. Fire Department, the U. S. Park Police and the police departments of nearby Virginia and Maryland communities, so that freedom of movement and complete cooperation will be assured if needed.

Again let me thank you and your inspectors for the past fine assistance which your department has always given us and for the very courteous cooperation with which my representatives were met by Inspectors Covell, Bryant and Walldroht.

Sincerely,

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Colonel, CSC,
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